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Title:	DEFORMED REINFORCING BAR SPLICE AND METHOD
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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

Sir:

On November 4, 2004 we received the enclosed Notice of Allowance in the above application.

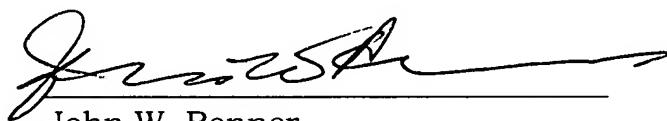
On November 16, 2004 we filed an IDS which included the art cited in the European corresponding application. The IDS was filed within three (3) months of receipt and a Petition Fee was paid.

It is submitted that the claims allowed relate to a patentable method in that they include the cold working of the bar beyond the area at the mouth of the sleeve, or the inner end of the threads, which has been determined empirically to be a critical area of the bar in order to achieve bar break splices.

Applicant would appreciate an assurance that such art has been considered and will be made of record.

Should any additional deficiencies or overpayments occur in the filing fees of the subject letter, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account Number 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,
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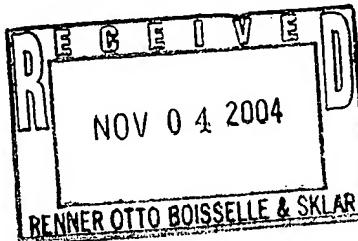
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TITLE OF INVENTION: DEFORMED REINFORCING BAR SPLICE AND METHOD

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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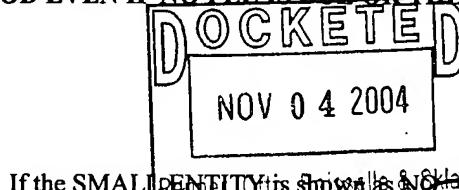
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